

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows.

ABSTRACT

~~The invention concerns an~~ An applicator 12 and a process for the production of an applicator 12. The applicator serves for distributing a cosmetic preparation on the skin, semi-mucous membrane or mucous membrane ~~comprising~~ and comprises a holding portion 18 and an applicator portion 30 which is injected on to the holding portion 18 in the direction of the longitudinal extent of the applicator 12, wherein both the holding portion 18 and also the applicator portion 30 at least partially comprise plastic material and the plastic material of the holding portion 18 is harder than the plastic material of the applicator portion 30 and wherein the holding portion 18 does not form a core which extends into the applicator portion 30 in the direction of the longitudinal extent.

~~(Figure 2)~~